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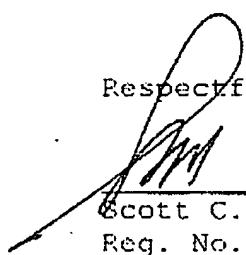
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE RESPONSE

In response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Response mailed April 11, 2006 (copy attached), and further to our previous Responses of March 9, 2006 and April 5, 2006, applicants hereby elects Species I drawn to the embodiment of Figure 3, which reads on claim 2. The election is made without traverse.

The undersigned would further like to apologize to the examiner for the errors in the previous submissions. These errors were purely inadvertent in nature.

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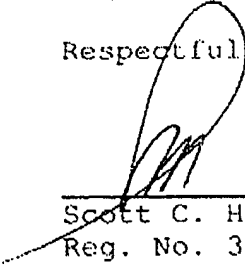
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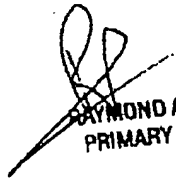
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The Response to Notice of Non-Responsive Response dated 04/05/06 which elects Species 1 is still NON-RESPONSIVE. In this respect, it is noted that the election of species did not include the claims readable on the species. As set forth in the office action of 02/13/06 (PAGE 4, ITEM 5), applicant is AGAIN advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added (EMPHASIS ADDED).

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

  
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